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VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS FEBRUARY 25, 2015 SUSSEX ROOM PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Board will be called to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Sussex Conference Room 6th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Board President Logan	(X)	()
Board Member Adler	(X)	()
Board Member Charnick	(X)	()
Board Member Croman	(X)	()
Board Member Gardner	(X)	()
Board Member Rosenberg	(X)	()
Board Member Tamassia	(X)	()
Board Member Thornton	(X)	()
Deputy Attorney General Bradford	(X)	()
Executive Director Eisenmenger	(X)	()

Announcement of quorum.

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, the Newark, Star Ledger, the Trenton Times, the Bergen Record, Atlantic City Press and the Courier Post .

B. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

January 21, 2015 Public Minutes - On a motion by Dr. Tamassia, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, the Board approved the minutes from the public session held on January 21, 2015 as amended. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Scavelli, NJVMA, discussed several pieces of correspondence that have been sent to the Board office from the NJVMA.

D. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

1. A-2389 - Prohibits persons convicted of criminal animal cruelty offenses from owning domestic companion animals and from working or volunteering at animal-related enterprises.

On a motion by Dr. Charnick, seconded by Dr. Croman, the Board determined to oppose this legislation with the following comment:

The concept of this legislation, stopping people who could cause harm to pets, is commendable. Unfortunately, the Board believes that it would be virtually impossible to implement the terms of this legislation in this climate. The Board does not believe that the mechanisms exist to comply with the requirements that this legislation provides for. However, a listing of offenders should be maintained, perhaps by the State Department of Health as proposed in this legislation, so that licensees, and members of the public, may consult it prior to making staffing decisions. The Board also notes that there are likely several legal hurdles to overcome concerning the rights of accused and convicted individuals.

The Board directed the ED to send it's position statement to the sponsors and co-sponsors.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Report by Executive Director, Jonathan Eisenmenger

On a motion by Dr. Tamassia, seconded by Ms. Thornton, the Board passed a resolution to hire a new staff member to assist with the volume of work in the Board office. The Board feels that it is unacceptable that the Board's office would have no staff member available to answer phone calls, and assist the public with the usual business of the Board office when current personnel is absent, in a Board meeting, or otherwise unable to devote their attention to the business of the Board. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

2. Draft orientation program for Veterinarians
Executive Director Eisenmenger reported that the online orientation program should be “live” on the Board website within a week or two.
3. New Director of the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

On a motion by Dr. Adler, seconded by Ms. Thornton, the Board determined to invite the new executive director of the NBVME to attend a future public meeting. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

F. CREDENTIALING

1. Diana M. Magee (nee Niculescu), D.V.M. -

On a motion by Ms. Thornton, seconded by Dr. Gardner, the Board determined to issue a license to Dr. Magee. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

G. CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing considered.

H. PUBLIC ACTION FILED BY THE BOARD

1. Dr. Justin Guinan - Uniform Penalty Letter dated January 6, 2015. This was accepted as informational.

I. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Articles from the Courier News Post (MyCentralJersey.com) concerning the Helmetta Regional Animal Shelter. This was accepted as informational.
2. NJVMA - Prescription Medication Survey and information from the Oregon Veterinary Medical Association and the Washington State Veterinary Medical Association. This was accepted as informational.
3. AAVSB - Veterinary Regulation News - December 2014. This was accepted as informational.

4. NBVME - Upcoming Enhancements to NAVLE Administration Procedures. This was accepted as informational.
5. AAVSB - State Delegate
On a motion by Dr. Adler, seconded by Dr. Croman, the Board designated Dr. Logan as the NJ Board's official delegate to the AAVSB annual meeting and House of Delegates in Milwaukee, WI in September 2015. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

J. NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2015.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board will convene in executive session to hold investigative inquiries and to consider new and pending consumer complaints and disciplinary matters. Immediately subsequent to executive session the Board will return to open session to vote on those matters resulting in disciplinary action.

L. ADJOURNMENT